गेहूं का आयात

3286. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार को इस बात की जानकारी है कि किसान ऐसे समय पर गेहूं का आयात किए जाने का विरोध कर रहे हैं जब गेहूं मंडियों में आ रहा है ;

(ख) क्या गेहूं के आयात को इसके मूल्यों में गिरावट आने की संभावना है जिससे किसानों पर प्रतिकूल प्रभाव पड़ेगा ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो सरकार ने इसके संबंध में क्या सुधारात्मक उपाय किए हैं ?

नागरिक पूर्ति और सार्वजनिक वितरण मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमालुद्दीन अहमद) : (क) से (ग) सरकार ने 10.05 लाख मीटरी टन गेहूं का आयात करने के लिए कनाडियन व्हीट बोर्ड के साथ 19-8-92 को एक ठेके पर हस्ताक्षर किए हैं । यह गेहूं मध्य जुलाई से मध्य अक्टूबर, 1992 के दौरान भेजा जाएगा जबकि मख्य आमद मोसम अप्रेल, और जून होता है । गेहूं का आयात करना अपरिहार्य हो गया था क्योंकि खाद्यनों विशेषकर मोटे अनाजों की पैदावार में गिरावट आने के कारण पिछले वर्ष की तुलना में खाद्यन्नों को उपलब्धता अपेक्षाकृत कम हो गई है और सरकार से यह अपेक्षा की जाती है कि जिस सार्वजनिक वितरण प्रणाली पर लाखों गरीब लोग निर्भर करते हैं, उसके प्रति वह अपने दायित्वों का निर्वाह करे ।

Mlk and Milk Products Order, 1992

3287. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM-RAO PATIL.

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Milk and Milk Products Order requires every unit in Milk industry collecting liquid milk of 10,000 litres per day or a unit producing milk product of more than 500 tonnes per year for registration with Government; and

(b) if so, the reasons for introducing this system when Government had delicensed the milk industry in August, 1991?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K C. LENKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government has recently pro mulgated Milk and Milk Product Order, 1992 on 9th June, 1992 under the provisions of the Essential Com modities Act, 1955, with a view to maintain and' increase the supply of liquid milk of the desired quality in the interests of the general public.

Scarcity of Liquid Milk

3288. SHRI SATYA PRAHASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMA-RAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to stats:

(a) what are the names of the States where the scarcity of liquid milk prevails at present during the summer season:

(b) the details of steps contemplated to reduce this scarcity of liquid milk:

(c) in which states the stocks of milk powder has been confiscated by Government to relieve such a scarcity;
and[1]

(d) the steps taken to prohibit manufacture of milk products before the movement of liouid milk is res-triced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN[1] THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) No State Government has reported scarcity of liquid milk at present.

(b) The Government promulgated the Milk and Milk Product Order on 9th June, 1992 which, among other thingu, provides tor temporary res trictions on the distribution of liquid) Milk or the production of any milk product bj' any class or category of produceis for a specified period of time not exceeding 90 days at a time.

(c) The Government has not confis cated milk powder in any State.

(d) At the request of the State Governments and Union Territory Administration concerned, the Gov ernment has issued Orders imposing temporary restrictions for specified pericyte on production of milk pro ducts in Madhya Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi and export of liquid milk from Gujarat and Rajasthan.

Cooperatives in Dairy Industry

3289. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI VISHWASRAO RAM-RAO PATIL:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have declared its policy tcjb-give preferential treatment to Cooperatives in dairy industry while delicensing the Dairy Industry last year;

(b) if so, the details of such preferences and guidelines followed by Government in giving such preferen-ies; and

(c) whether healthy competition. would! prevail between private and co-perative dairies when preferential treatment is given to cooperative dairies by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): (a) and (b) The Milk and Milk Product Order issued by the Government on 9th June, 1992 under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955 has made provisions which give preferential treatment to co-operatives in the dairy sector the details of which are given in the statement *(See* below.)

(c) No assessment has been made in this regard.

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1. There are two representatives from the co-operative dairy sector on the Milk and Product Advisory Board under the provisions of paragraph 3 of the Milk and Milk Product Order, 1992.

2. In specifying terms and conditions for registration under the Order, the registering authority shall have regard to, among others, the policy of preferential treatment to the co-operataives sector under the provisions of paragraph 5 of the Order.

3. Where the registering authority considers it necessary in the public interest, by reason of shortage?(of in the milkshed or of surplus milk in an area outside milkshed area, it may permit the holder of the registration certificate to collect or procure ilk from outside the milkshed, for such period not exceeding ninety days, as it may specify on that behalf and the collection of milk from outside the milksbed shall be made only through co-operative milk federation or union, at a price mutually agreed upon, and iu the absence of any such agreement, at the price at which the co-operative federation or uniou concerned sells milk to any other co-operative federatior or the union under the provisions of paragraph 11 of the Order.